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TO: Maryland EMS Providers

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RE: MOLST Form Recognition by EMS Providers

As of October 1, 2011, EMS providers may encounter the Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) form. This form will be replacing the MIEMSS EMS/DNR Form currently in circulation. Both the New MOLST and the old EMS/DNR forms will be recognized by EMS Providers. Based on the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers, EMS Providers will treat the patient according to the MIEMSS EMS/DNR form and MOLST form (Attempt CPR, Option A-1, Option A-2 (DNI) or Option B).

The DHMH regulations have been promulgated, but have not been finalized; therefore, there is not a mandatory completion requirement by nursing homes, assisted living, dialysis centers or for inpatient discharges from hospitals going to a health care facility. While EMS providers will inquire about a MOLST form and EMS/DNR form, they will accept and transfer a patient with or without either form.

EMS providers shall complete the on-line Learning Management System (LMS) by December 1, 2011. EMS providers can access the LMS by going to www.emsonlinetraining.org.